Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 097943 TOSEC 040105
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

66011
DRAFTED BY S/S:PTARNOFF:GB
APPROVED BY MR. TARNOFF
----------050128 172212Z /73
O 172146Z APR 78 ZFF4
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USDEL SECRETARY IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 097943 TOSEC 040105

NODIS
FOR SECRETARY AND SHULMAN

FOL RPT BONN 07023 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DTD 17 APR 78

QUOTE: S E C R E T BONN 07023

NODIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: GW
SUBJECT: PRISONER EXCHANGE

REF: STATE 96897

1. DCM SAW KALMANOWITCH APRIL 15 PRIOR TO LATTER'S MEETING WITH VOGEL LATER SAME DAY IN HAMBURG. VOGEL PHONED DCM APRIL 16 FROM WEST BERLIN. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS THAT AROSE.

2. DCM GAVE KALMANOWITCH LETTER AS PER REFTEL PARA 4. DCM TOLD KALMANOWITCH THAT COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR CUBA WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS LUNT-LEBRON EXCHANGE WITH
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 097943 TOSEC 040105

CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION IN WASHINGTON (REFTEL PARA 6). DCM ALSO CONVEYED TO KALMANOWITCH (REFTEL PARA 7) THAT DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH VOGEL ON SHCARANSKY. DCM EMPHASIZED THAT TALKING IN THIS CONTEXT DOES NOT MEAN NEGOTIATING. KALMANOWITCH SAID HE WOULD PASS THESE POINTS TO VOGEL.

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

3. THE MAINPURPOSE OF VOGEL'S PHONE CALL WAS TO DISCUSS THE MECHANICS OF THE THOMPSON-NORMAN-MIRON MARKUS EXCHANGE. HE SAID HE HAD GIVEN KALMANOWITCH THE DETAILS ON WHERE MARKUS WOULD BE DELIVERED AT THE MOZAMBIQUE-SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER APRIL 23. HE UNDERSTANDS CONGRESSMAN GILMAN MAY WANT TO BE PRESENT WITH KALMANOWITCH AND MARKUS'S WIFE, FOR MARKUS HANDOVER AT THE BORDER. HE (VOGEL) WOULD NOT BE PRESENT.

4. VOGEL GAVE ALTERNATIVES FOR THE THOMPSON-NORMAN EXCHANGE. IT COULD BE DONE AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE, BUT HE DID NOT FAVOR THIS BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE HARD TO AVOID PUBLIC NOTICE. ANOTHER WAY WOULD BE TO TAKE THOMPSON BY S-BAHN FROM WEST TO EAST BERLIN (FRIEDRICHSTRASSE STATION). VOGEL WOULD HAVE NORMAN WAITING ON THE PLATFORM AT FRIEDRICHSTRASSE AND HE COULD BE BROUGHT BACK TO WEST BERLIN. STILL ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, AFTER BRINGING THOMPSON TO WEST BERLIN, WOULD BE FOR VOGEL TO TELEPHONE HIS WIFE FROM WEST BERLIN AND SHE COULD COLLECT NORMAN AND BRING HIM OVER BY CAR. VOGEL WOULD THEN TAKE THOMPSON TO EAST BERLIN. DCM SAID HE WOULD REPORT THESE POSSIBILITIES. ON A PERSONAL BASIS, HE THOUGHT THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE MIGHT SUIT US BEST.

5. DCM AND VOGEL DISCUSSED THE ISSUANCE OF A U.S. VISA FOR VOGEL'S TRIP TO THE U.S. THIS IS PLANNED FOR AROUND
SECRET

SECRET

APRIL 26, WITH VOGEL-THOMPSON FLIGHT FROM U.S. AROUND APRIL 30. DCM WILL INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITIES OF VISA ISSUANCE IN EAST BERLIN, WEST BERLIN OR BONN -- DEPENDING ON VOGEL'S TRAVEL PLANS IN NEXT WEEK. NO PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED. VOGEL ASKED IF THOMPSON WILL HAVE TRAVEL DOCUMENT FOR TRIP. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. DCM ASSUMES, AS DOES VOGEL, THAT U.S. MARSHAL WILL ACCOMPANY VOGEL-THOMPSON ON FLIGHT TO BERLIN, VIA FRANKFURT. PLEASE ADVISE. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY OFFICER TO JOIN PARTY IN FRANKFURT AND STAY WITH VOGEL UNTIL THOMPSON-NORMAN EXCHANGE HAS BEEN EFFECTED.

7. WE NOTE THAT IF THE PRESENT SCHEDULE IS FOLLOWED AND VOGEL-THOMPSON DEPART U.S. APRIL 30, THEY WILL ARRIVE IN BERLIN ON MAY 1, WHICH IS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN THE GDR (AS WELL AS IN THE FRG). DCM WILL POINT THIS OUT TO VOGEL WHEN HE NEXT TALKS WITH HIM AND ASK IF IT IS LIKELY TO CAUSE DIFFICULTIES IN RELEASE OF NORMAN THAT DAY.

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

8. KALMANOWITCH IS SCHEDULED TO SEE DCM AT NOON LOCAL APRIL 15. WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON VOGEL-KALMANOWITCH MEETING KALMANOWITCH GIVES US. VOGEL TOLD US KALMANOWITCH WILL BE IN BERLIN APRIL 19.
STOESSEL 7NQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

SECRET

NNN

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRISONER EXCHANGE, PRISONERS RELEASE, CAT-B, MEETING REPORTS, MEETINGS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE097943
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: PTARNOFF:GB
Enclosure: REPEAT OF BONN 7023
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: N780004-0498
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 2
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780448/aaaabotx.tel
Line Count: 121
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 114788ac-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: 78 STATE 96897
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 jul 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2941545
Secure: LOCK1
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRISONER EXCHANGE
TAGS: PINS, GE, US, UR
To: SECRETARY
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/114788ac-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014